

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 27, 2008 wherein claims 1-12 were rejected. By this paper, claims 1-12 have been canceled and claims 13-22 have been added. Claims 13-22 remain pending in this application. In view of the following remarks, Applicants request further examination and reconsideration of the present patent application.

35 USC §103

In the office action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Otto et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 20020113123) in view of Sorensen (U.S. Pub. No. 20020178085). This rejection is rendering moot in light of the Applicant's cancellation of claims 1-12.

New claims 13-22

Applicants respectfully submit the new claims 13-22 do not contain any new matter. Support for the new claims can be found in at least paragraphs 0011 and 0018 of the original application.

Claims 13-22 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of the cited references would not render the subject matter of new independent claim 13 and claims 14-17 that depend therefrom and new independent claim 18 and claims 19-22 that depend therefrom obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Summary

For the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are, therefore, respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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